

REMARKS

Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97-1.98, the Applicant attaches hereto a completed PTO Form 1449 (modified) and, if required, copies of the information cited therein.

Identification of Time of Filing this Information Disclosure Statement

Although this Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) is being filed after a Notice of Allowance, Applicant notes that a substantially identical IDS, which cited exactly the same references, was first filed on January 31, 2007. However, the originally-filed IDS inadvertently specified an incorrect application number in its header, and therefore was not entered into the file wrapper of the present application. The only differences between the presently filed IDS and the January 31, 2007 IDS are the application number and art unit number specified in the header of the PTO Form 1449 (modified).

Identification of References and Concise Explanation of References not in the English Language

U.S. Documents

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| 4,222,126 | 4,265,694 | 4,364,127 | 4,731,074 |
| 4,888,009 | 5,358,518 | 5,376,113 | 5,393,858 |
| 5,403,912 | 5,500,016 | 5,562,729 | 5,653,749 |
| 5,800,527 | 6,086,612 | 6,165,215 | 6,171,335 |
| 6,283,995 | 2003/0125804 A1 | | |

Foreign Documents

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| EP 0 193 987 | EP 0 402 036 |
| WO 93/18721 | WO 97/41808 |
| WO 98/32400 | WO 00/62716 |
| WO 01/41679 | |

Other Documents

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Bernacca, et al., G.M.: "Polyurethane heart valves: Fatigue failure, calcification, and polyurethane structure," *Journal of Biomedical materials Research*, March 5, 1997, Vol. 34, No. 3.

Mackay, et al., T.G.: "New polyurethane heart valve prosthesis: design, manufacture and evaluation," *Biomaterials, incorporating Clinical Materials*, 1996, Vol. 17, No. 19.

Wheatley, et al, D.J.: "Polyurethane: material for the next generation of heart valve prostheses?", *European Journal of Cardio-Thoracic Surgery*, April 2000, Vol. 17, No. 4.

It is requested that the Examiner review the above-identified references and make them of record in the instant application as required by M.P.E.P. § 609. It is also requested that the Examiner initial and return one copy of the substitute Form 1449 to the Applicant's undersigned representative.

The references listed in this Information Disclosure Statement comprise the most pertinent prior art known to Applicants and their attorneys as of the date hereof. This Information Disclosure Statement should not be construed as a representation that the cited reference is material or that no better art exists.

Supplemental Declaration

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.67, the Applicant attaches hereto a supplemental declaration. The originally filed Application Data Sheet correctly indicated the citizenship of the Applicant as the United Kingdom. However, the originally filed declaration inadvertently indicated the citizenship of the Applicant as the United States of America. The substitute declaration is being filed to correctly indicate that the Applicant is a citizen of the United Kingdom.

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